

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. Claims 6 and 12 have been amended by the present Amendment. Amended claims 6 and 12 do not introduce any new subject matter.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 6-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants have amended independent claims 6 and 12, and respectfully submit that claims 6 and 12 are definite.

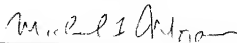
Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's indefiniteness rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 1-5 are allowed.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicants' Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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